Inquirer debate at UP: 81 pointed questions, answers

By John Mary

A GILBERT TEODORO SUPPORTER HAS suggested that Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III won't show up for Monday's first Inquirer presidential debate in 25 years.

The debate will be held on Monday, Feb. 8, at the UP Theater at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. It is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

"Basta pasinhon tayo wala si Noynoy dyan haha (Let's bet Noynoy won't show up there)," Elkow writes in the comment thread titled "The toughest presidential

INQUIRER A4

WORLD / A20 US Baptists face long jail terms over Haiti kidnaps
SUPER / D1 The return of CSI's 'Sara Sidle'
BUSINESS / B1 Inflation slowed down to 4.3% in January 2010
SPORTS / A14 Talk 'N Text walks out of game vs Ginebra
PROPERTY / B2-1 Feng shui has your number

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS
Saturday, February 6, 2010 ★★ Sections / Vol. 25 / No. 60 P18

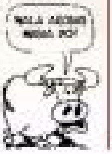
90% of Pinoys leave nothing to their heirs

By Doris C. Dumlao

MANILA PO

Nine out of 10 Filipinos have nothing to bequeath to their loved ones when they pass away, thus leaving many young depen-

90% OF PINOYS/A11



From hunter to hunted

Revilla, Estrada lead race for Senate

REELECTIONIST SENATORS Ramon Revilla Jr. and Jinggoy Estrada headed the list of 12 senatorial candidates with a "statistical chance" of winning if elections had been held in late January, according to the latest Pulse Asia pre-election survey released yesterday.

Revilla's overall voter preference score of 51.8 percentage points translated to a statistical ranking of 1st to 2nd place, putting him in a statistical tie with Estrada (50.4 percent), who was ranked in 1st to 3rd place in the survey conducted from Jan. 22 to 26.

REVILLA A11

Joc-joc still has strong Palace ties, say foes

By Felipe V. Celino
Inquirer Visayas

ROXAS CITY—THE CONTROversial former agriculture official Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante is still very much in Malacañang's good graces, according to former national police chief Roberto Lastimoso.

Bolante, accused of being the architect of the alleged P728-million fertilizer fund scam, has so much influence in the Palace that he was able to engineer his ouster as general manager of the Metro Rail Transit (MRT)

JOC-JOC A11



ROLE REVERSAL Lacson rose from the ranks to become the country's No. 1 policeman later turned senator who now finds himself wanted on the global stage on charges of double murder. INQUIRER PHOTO

Warrant of arrest for Lacson served by NBI agents at Senate

By Christine O. Avendaño and Tina G. Santos

A JANITOR AND THE OFFICER OF THE DAY AT THE SENATE RECEIVED the warrant issued yesterday for the arrest of Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson in connection with the November 2000 murder of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer and his driver Emmanuel Corbito.

Even if they knew that the opposition senator and former head of the Philippine National Police (PNP) had left the country to evade arrest, National Bureau of Investigation officers went to the Senate to serve the warrant issued by Judge Myra Garcia Fernandez of Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 18. (See related story on Page A8.)

Ric Diaz, head of the NBI counterterrorism unit, said he had to serve the warrant even if Lacson was not at the Senate because this procedure was needed in case authorities eventually locate the senator's whereabouts abroad and request his extradition.

Alex Avisado, Lacson's legal spokesperson, said he and the other defense lawyers would file a motion for reconsideration and ask that the enforcement of the arrest warrant be deferred until the motion is resolved.

"If necessary, we will elevate

FROM HUNTER A6



DACER



CORBITO

Where in the world is he? Interpol to track him down

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS Sen. Panfilo Lacson?

He cannot be in Australia—as Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel said earlier—because his visa to travel to that country expired in 2008 and has not been renewed, lawyer Ric Diaz, the chief of the National Bureau of Investigation's counterterrorism unit, said yesterday.

Lacson cannot be in the United States either because, Diaz said, "his US visa was cancelled after he was named an unindicted co-conspirator in the espionage case involving Michael Ray Aquino and [Leandro] Aragoncillo."

The NBI will coordinate closely with the foreign intelligence community and the Interpol to track Lacson down, Diaz told the Inquirer.

WHERE A6

Comelec warns: Only 120 minutes on TV, other campaign rules

By Kristine L. Alave

WITH CANDIDATES SPLURGing on advertisements and the election campaign shaping up to be the most expensive yet, the Commission on Elections has warned it will be very strict in enforcing the rules and will not hesitate to throw the book at erring politicians.

Under election rules that will take effect during the campaign period, national candidates are limited to only 120 minutes of airtime on television and 180 minutes on radio for the entire campaign. Local candidates are limited to an hour of television airtime and an hour and a half of radio airtime.

The Comelec released last Thursday the campaign rules and regulations for the May elections, saying it was encouraging voters to be vigilant in reporting violations by candidates.

The campaign period starts on Feb. 9 for national candidates and March 26 for local candidates. It ends on May 8, two days before the precincts open on May 10.

"We are encouraging the public to be vigilant. We are encouraging the public to file cases if they feel that violations have occurred," Comelec spokesperson James Jimenez said.

Comelec Chair Jose Melo warned that candidates who violate the campaign rules can be charged with election offenses. If convicted, they can be barred from running for public office again.

Jimenez said the poll body was issuing for the first time a set of guidelines for voters about

COMELEC A11



LOREN, LOREN SINTA Lots to count the ways candidates do to attract voters. Sen. Loren B. Legarda, a candidate for vice president, heaves a load of bun'mats on her head to the amusement of a vendor during her visit to La Paz Market in Iloilo City.

Only 3 bets show up at PUP forum but they make a lively difference

By Nikko Dizon

DON'T FALL FOR SURVEYS.

This was the call made by three presidential candidates who have been lagging behind in opinion polls when they spoke yesterday at a forum held at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

"Do not be swayed by shallow popularity," environmentalist Nicanor "Nicky" Perlas told more than 1,000 mass communication and journalism stu-

ONLY 3 A6

Villar money rules noontime TV shows

By Nikko Dizon

AS EARLY AS 3 A.M. LAST Thursday, 46-year-old bulot vendor Josie Magtangob and her daughter were lining up for the popular noontime show "Bet Bulaga" at Broadway Centrum in Quezon City.

Magtangob said she wanted to win P25,000 in cash given in the segment "Stop My Hirap" to help her sustain her small business and send her 8-year-old child to school.

"I was told the lines were long so I came early," she told the Inquirer in Filipino.

The 10-hour wait was worth it. Shortly past noon, Magtangob and her daughter were on stage with hosts Michael V and Ruby Rodriguez, jumping up and down while orange and white confetti rained on them.

Magtangob won P25,000 and P10,000 worth of groceries courtesy of Nacionalista Party (NP) standard-bearer, Sen. Manuel Villar, who sponsors "Stop My Hirap."

While signing up celebrity endorsers has always been a norm in election campaigns, a game show segment—never

VILLAR A6



BOTTOM-DWELLERS' BONDING Surveys' tailenders Sen. Dick Gordon, Eddie Villanueva and Nicanor Perlas agree to shrug off survey results during the start of the presidential forum at Polytechnic University of the Philippines in Sta. Mesa, Manila, on Thursday. INQUIRER

Second FrontPage



GOING FOR NO. 1 IN BPO

GMA successor told: Beat India

TAKING OFF FROM PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo's proud announcement that she will bequeath a multi-billion-peso business process outsourcing (BPO) industry, the administration's economic managers are posing this challenge to her successor: beat India.

GMA no rab-rab girl for Teodoro

Agri agencies brace for El Niño

Not that simple, says Noynoy of Luisita issue

No coup: Storm's over for Enrile

10 RP drug 'mules' facing death in China

2 more justices join list of SC chief wannabe





'No-nonsense' police chief now on wanted list

Kuratong Baleleng

Awards, medals

Politics

From hunter to hunted: Lacson ordered arrested for double murder

Not a fugitive

No bail set

'Triumph of justice'

WHAT WENT BEFORE

Kill order

22 accused

Arrests of Mancao, Dumlao, Aquino

Not certainty of guilt

Help offered

'He got what he deserves'

Probable cause

Where in the world is he?

Only 10 nations

Up to NBI

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Solon fumes over House adjournment

[illegible]

Pacman buys new home for 'Girlie'

By Alcuin Papa

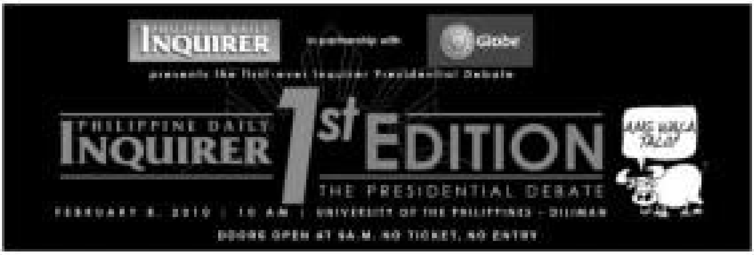
[illegible]

Search of Catalyn-B ends

By Kristine L. Alave

[illegible]

Inquirer debate at UP: 81 pointed questions



Not 1 but 3 moderators

Justice for Gordon

Probing questions

Noynoy debating Gibo

Only 3 bets show up at PUP forum but they make a lively difference

A dig at Villar

Personal weaknesses

'Holy anger'

Education program

Campaign spending

Hacienda Luisita

Villar money rules, enriches noontime TV hit shows

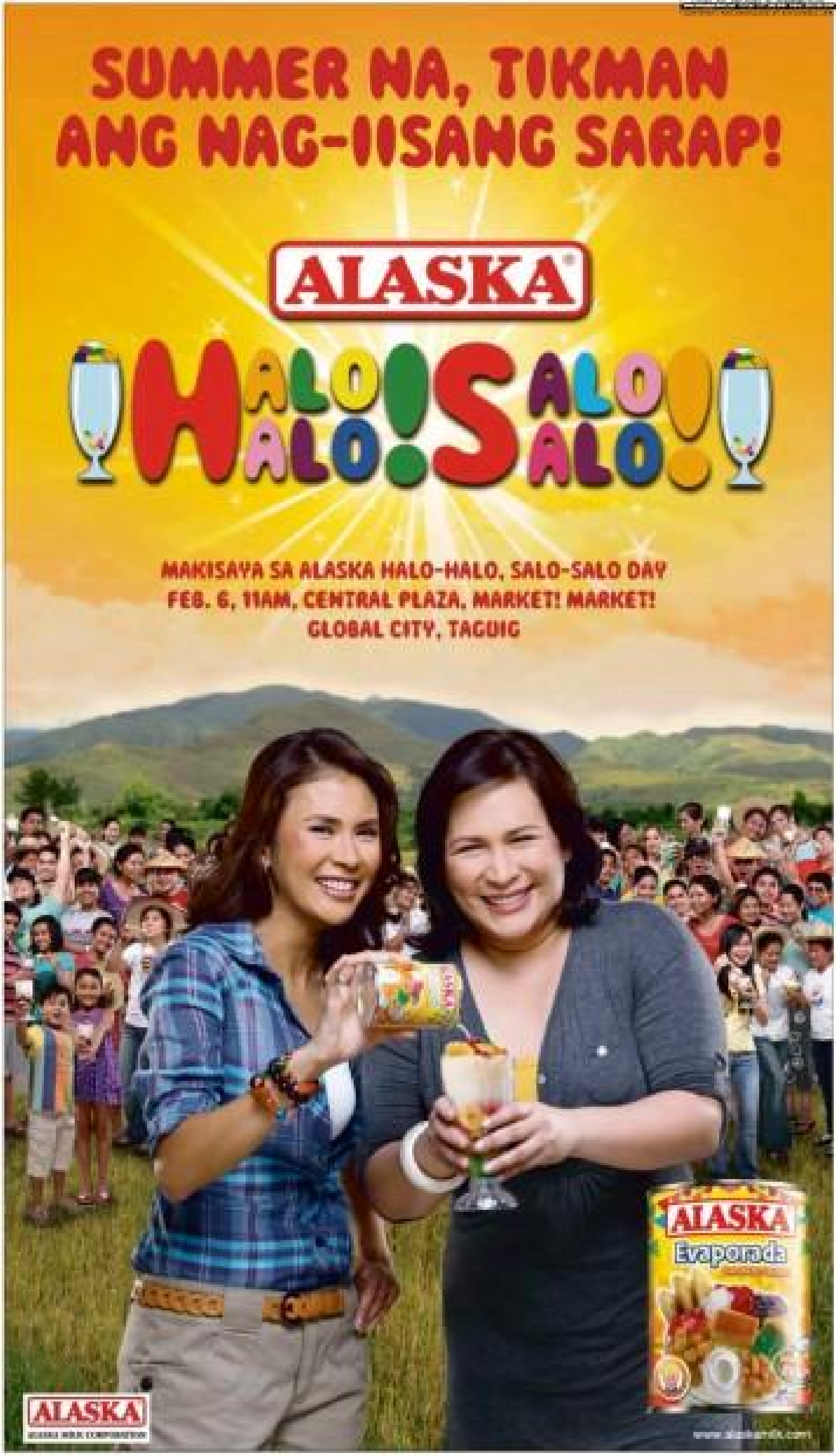
Willie and Michael V

Why they joined

Mechanics

Secret

First time


SUMMER NA, TIKMAN
ANG NAG-IISANG SARAP!
ALASKA
HALO HALO! SALO SALO!
MAKISAYA SA ALASKA HALO-HALO, SALO-SALO DAY
FEB. 6, 11AM, CENTRAL PLAZA, MARKET! MARKET!
GLOBAL CITY, TAGUIG
ALASKA
Evaporada
ALASKA

INQUIRER
OPINION

Through the roof

EDITORIAL



The UP academic congress

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

Refuting Manny's defenders

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

Figures matter to those who care



SOCIAL CLIMATE

Mahar Mangahas

Change

YOUNG BLOOD

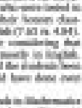
Sarah Jenelyn G. Bautista

Educating our children in their language

COMMENTARY

Ricardo Ma. Nolasco

Can we benefit from the recovery?



BUSINESS MATTERS

Francis M. Varela

NOTICE TO YOUNGBLOOD CONTRIBUTORS:

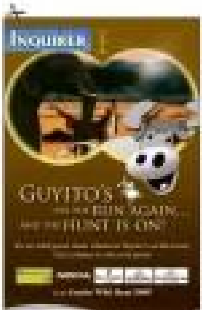
On Comelec credibility

LETTERS

De Quiros' column denied VACC's Jimenez due process

PPT transparent on condo funds

Hansen's disease curable but for stigma



Revilla, Estrada lead Senate race



REVILLA



ESTRADA

Senatorial Voter Preferences Pulse Asia, Jan. 22-26, 2010 Philippines

Comelec warns . . .

Joc-joc still has ...

90% of Pinoys leave nothing to their heirs

INQUIRER visayas
Editor: Jun Bandayrel
Chief Photo: Jun Bandayrel



BacoLaodiat: A grand celebration of love

By Carla P. Gomez
Bacolod City

IT WILL BE A GRAND CELEBRATION of love between the Chinese and Filipino communities in Bacolod City when they celebrate this year's BacoLaodiat Festival.

That is because this year's Chinese New Year falls on Valentine's Day.

BacoLaodiat comes from the words Bacolod and Laodiat, the latter being the Chinese word that means "to celebrate," says Leonardo "Dicky" Lopez, this year's chair of the festival.

Since 2010 is the year of the tiger, this year's BacoLaodiat theme is "Leap of courage with renewed vitality."

Bacolod Mayor Evelio Leonardia started the BacoLaodiat annual celebration five years ago, and its main purpose is "the assimilation of the Chinese with their Filipino brothers and sisters, and bringing the Chinese culture to a better understanding," according to Lopez.

This year, the festival to be celebrated from Feb. 12 to 14, would feature Chinese cultural ethnic costumes that were specially ordered from China, says Lopez.

BacoLaodiat organizers want the festival to be known for its lantern dance parade and symphony of lights and sparks. In this parade, lanterns will flow, sway and make formations in the night.

They want its Chopstick Alley to be located at the North Capitol Road during the three-day festivities.

The Chopstick Alley is where Chinese food and delicacies will be available to the public. Chinese medicines, books, feng shui products, and other products will also be on sale in this area.

The festival this year will also have two giant tigers on a float made from fine bamboo with a red lighted heart. The tiger costumes will be donned by two "skilled Bicycle for Rent" drivers.

The 12 zodiac animal floats will be placed inside the Capitol Lagoon Park in Bacolod for the BacoLaodiat.

Lanterns

Also to be put up are a tent full of lighted lanterns, a room full of tigers plus a life-sized one that people could ride on and have their photos taken with, and a wall where tiger products of different companies would be presented, Lopez adds.

On Feb. 12, leaders and members of Negros Occidental's Filipino-Chinese community will start the festival with a grand parade along the city's major thoroughfares, complete with dancing dragons and lions, the floats of the 12 Electric Zodiac Animal floats, national ethnic dances that include emperors' smiles, and Chinese school students in their national costumes.

Chinese and Filipino folk dances would be presented and a medley of Filipino and Chinese songs would be sung by a chorale, he said. This would be followed by fireworks and band music.

On Feb. 13, the lantern dance parade will be held at the festival's main stage at the North Capitol Road and down to Lacson Street's Tourist Strip to end at the 21st Street.

This will also be capped by fireworks and live band music.

On Feb. 14, there will be a Glitz Tagram show, the awarding of prizes to the lantern dance parade winners and fireworks.

The festival will also have side shows of performers on "kalangs" or stilts, fire dancers and Chinese lanterns.



BACOLAODIAT organizers want the festival to be known for its lantern dance parade (top photo) and symphony of lights and sparks.

Across the NATION

DND chief: PAF planes are 'pitiful'

ZAMBOANGA CITY—PITIFUL.

This was how Defense Secretary Norberto Gonzales described the current state of the Philippine Air Force's fleet of aircraft.

1st hand experience

Cannibalization

Bets asked: Declare stand on Laiban Dam



REBEL'S MANY FACES
Elections offer opportunities even for rebels like Danny Lim, a native of Nueva Vizcaya and Westpoint graduate who enjoyed a promising military career as a brigadier general until he was punished for refusing to lend his support a Commander in Chief tainted with allegations of massive election fraud and corruption.

NEWSBRIEFS

ISABELA

3 dead in road crash

PALAWAN

Palawan cops relieved

SORSOGON

Hostage-taker killed

LAGUNA

Priest robbed twice

Benguet youth ask: Make marijuana election issue

Mangudadatu backing for Teodoro not diminished, says party



CHECKPOINTS, such as this one in Zamboanga City have become part of the landscape of many towns and cities outside Metro Manila since the election period started.

List of hot spots outside Metro growing

Editor Teddyvic S. Melendres
Assistant Editor Francis T.J. Ochoa

SPORTS

Texters walk out of Game 4

Kings, Painters force KO bouts

By Cedelf P. Tupas



COACH Chot Reyes (left) and the Tropang Texters walk off the court in protest against a flagrant foul called on Ranidel de Ocampo.

Clottey plan 'will mirror' DL Hoya fall

By Francis T.J. Ochoa



PUCAY

Pucay fires 69, catches Thai for Bangkok lead

Asian Tour News

RTU batters seek softball title today

We also need a football revolution



Bare Eye

Recah Trinidad

SPORTSWATCH

Faith's 'Run for Wellness Year 2' tomorrow

P400,000 at stake in SJC cockfest today

RACING TIPS

By Top Choice / Santa Ana Park

RP Land Rover team forges strong finish



MEMBERS of Team Land Rover Philippines

Dottie grabs Southern Ladies lead; Ikeda slips



ARDINA



LEBRON

Cavs cool Heat

James shines as Cleveland notches 10th straight win

TCC, Canlubang tiff seen in DHL national am golf

Orcollo, Pinoys reach 'World Team' quarters

Sabals, Tolentino sisters Condura race favorites

Olympians join Smart taekwondo

Firefly 12 solo NCA champ

A plus METRO
Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday

Isafp agent guns down trader in QC

Victim shot in front of suspect's daughter

AN ALLEGED MEMBER OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERvice of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) is now being hunted by the police after he shot and killed a businessman in front of his own daughter in Quezon City, on Thursday evening.



Now it's green urinals for the ladies

Tycoon's brother, kin face more child abuse charges

Why Villar is overtaking Aquino in the surveys

On Target

Ramon Tulfo



Clean water supply at last for Las Piñas, says mayor

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
National Capital Region

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION/S FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT/S (AEP/S)

MetroBriefs

Mayoral bet's arraignment set

Isafp agent ...

Now it's green urinals ...

Sodomy accuser: Anwar showered me with gifts

Jackson doctor negotiating surrender



WorldBriefs

India offers to resume stalled talks with Pakistan

Protestants accept deal to save Northern Ireland gov't

Suicide bomber kills 6 in southern Afghanistan







Cheers! Pint glass that won't shatter







The WORLD

US Baptists face long jail terms over Haiti kidnaps

PORT-AU-PRINCE—TEN US MISSIONARIES charged with child abduction and conspiracy faced on Friday a long wait behind bars for trial over seeking to smuggle 33 children out of quake-hit Haiti.



Puzzle being solved: What are the colors of dinosaurs?

Mounting woes: Toyota considers recall of Prius

Editor Raul O. Marcelo • Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma

BUSINESS

Inflation slowed down to 4.3% in January

Still above gov't forecast as most food prices rose

THE RISE IN CONSUMER PRICES SLOWED down slightly to 4.3 percent year-on-year in January mainly due to the tempered increases in the cost of the food, beverages and tobacco, according to the National Statistics Office.

INFLATION B6

INDICATORS

CURRENCIES

STOCK MARKET

Stocks plunge on Wall St. slide

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX

STOCKS B2

CA junks bid to stop per-pulse phone billing

By Paolo G. Montecillo

CA JUNKS B6



Globe to raise broadband investments despite capex cut

By Paolo G. Montecillo

Call and text market seen nearing peak

PSE signs deal with Korea bourse

Disclosures

Philippine National Bank

Globe Telecom Inc.

Philweb Corp.

ASP Industrial Corp.

Bank of the Philippine Islands

Philippine Stock Exchange

Currencies

Prices of building supplies decline

Carpentry materials lead downtrend



THE RETAIL price index of selected construction materials in the National Capital Region has been on the decline since May 2009.

Tech start-ups get Silicon Valley push

Inflation . . .

CA junks . . .

Stocks . . .

SCIENCE/HEALTH

Hundreds to pedal 500 km to fight cervical cancer

By Tessa R. Salazar

MORE THAN HALF OF women with cervical cancer will die within five years after diagnosis.

[illegible]



[illegible]

Daily casualties

[illegible]

Bike clinics

[illegible]

Single visit approach

[illegible]

Global statistics

[illegible]

DEFENSE VS BREAST CANCER

Early diagnosis through simple screening methods

[illegible]

Breast self-exam

[illegible]

Mammography

[illegible]

Breast cancer screening

[illegible]

Brewing coffee bean combat

DISCOVER



Maricor Soriano Badiola

[illegible]

Preying on coffee plants

[illegible]

Good chance

[illegible]

Adult cardiology fellowship

[illegible]

Saved from the menace that killed them

MEDICAL FILES



Rafael Castillo, M.D.

[illegible]

One of the leading causes

[illegible]

Side effects

[illegible]

BUSINESS

Forex reserves hit record high of $45.4B in Jan.

GIR more than enough to cover RP imports for at least 9 months

ERC: Meralco move won't affect public

'Absurd' sugar surge won't tell on inflation

CebuPac slashes air fare again

Petron expected to post income of ₱4.2B in '09

Global IT spending still slow



Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang

PROPERTY



Feng shui has your number

By Tessa R. Salazar

GEOMANCY, THE STUDY and practice of the ancient Chinese feng shui, has become a must even for big-time property developers.

Joseph Chau, one of the world's most sought-after geomancers, revealed to Inquirer Property during an interview at the Mandarin Oriental Manila the two groups of feng shui calculations to guide an individual to lucky directions at home or in the office or place of business.

"These (calculations) are the East and the West groups. For 2010, the East group's lucky directions for a bed or office are north and east (which means, the head of the bed should point to these directions, as does the office chair); the West group's lucky directions for this year are the northwest and west.

"The East group's numbers are 1, 3, 4, 9 and 9, while the West group's numbers are 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8. So, how do you know your number?

For males, Chau instructs them to subtract the last two digits of the year they were born from 100, then dividing this result with 9. The remainder would be the individual's "guide" number.

For females, they should subtract 4 from the last two digits of the year they were born, then dividing the result by 9. The remainder would also be their guide number.

So, for example, if you are a male who was born in 1976, your calculation should be: 100 - 76, (the result of which is 24). Then 24 divided by 9. The remainder of this is 6 (24 - 18 = 6), which means you belong to the West group.

If you are a female who was born on the same year, then your calculation should be: 76 - 4, which is a 72. Divide this by 9. The remainder of this is 0, which means you belong to the East group.

Chau added that both northeast and southwest directions are not lucky for the West group this year. He advised this group to avoid seating their offices up in these directions. He offered an option, though: one can place feng shui medallions to "cure" the unlucky locations.

The locations that the East group should avoid are northeast and south.

General advice

The East is lucky for everyone, particularly for people whose houses or beds are facing this direction. They will absorb positive forces when facing the east.

The North is the promotion location. It is also the location where you can attract creative ideas and academic advancements.

The Northwest is also lucky for everyone, particularly for newlyweds who would want to have children. Northwest is the ideal "production area" for couples.

The West is the romance location. The romantic star in the west could also attract not just romance, but potential clients or establishing profitable relationships.

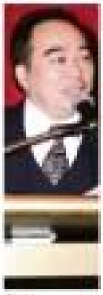
Chau also revealed to Inquirer Property that 2010 would be the year of the Golden Tiger, a positive year. He also admitted that, in general, the practice and consultation of feng shui entails a considerable investment, but as every taipan, tycoon or business mogul will attest, practising geomancy together with establishing a trusted and proven geomancer at hand is well worth it.

But the public who may want to be guid

FENG SHUI/B2-3



HEALTH Medallion—to neutralize the "Sickness and Backstabbing Star" for houses or offices affected by the Northeast direction this year.



CHAU



SAFETY Medallion—to protect against the "Robbery Star" for houses or offices affected by the Southeast direction this year.



FENG Shui Brass Gong—to minimize the ill-effects of the "Disaster Star" for houses or offices affected by the Southwest direction this year.

NOx-filtering paint bags DoST's Green Chemistry Award



THE 3-STORY Guadalupe MRT station was painted with KnoxOut NOx-filtering paint making it the world's biggest "air-purifying" station.

'Air-cleaning' paint

18 passive samplers

Special ingredient

Stairs to your health

LIVING ARCHITECTURE



Stair safety

The most basic feng shui

DESIGN DIMENSIONS



Vital force

A bit of overwork, overkill

Hampering the flow of chi

Licking the hidden costs of living in a residential condominium

Higher electric bill



Licking the hidden costs

Piped-in gas

Feng shui



Experience green living at Manhattan Heights









At Manhattan Heights,
pamper yourself
with every luxury.
Rise above the city
in a studio or suite.
Be on top of the
world in your very
own sky garden.
MANHATTAN HEIGHTS
And live on the fast lane
with a direct connection
to the trains.
For more details, call 810-3333 or 913-0234 now.

2bU LIFESTYLE



When Ateneans turn corn vendors or grocery hands–and why

Welcome to the real world









Welcome a Prosperous Y

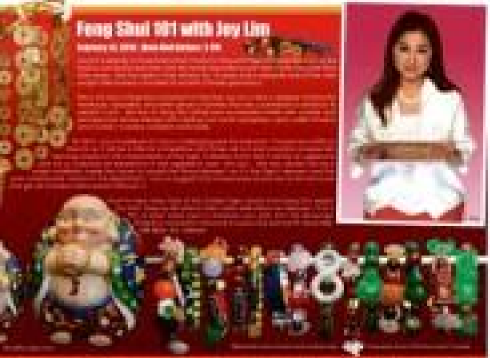
The Grand Dance of Prosperity presented by Ballet Manila







ear of the Tiger at SM Mall of Asia





DLSU hosts mini-Olympics for children with special needs

Some 650 children joined the sports activities and fun games

By [illegible]
Contributor

LAST JAN. 17, THE LA SALLIAN COMMUNITY welcomed 650 children with special needs to its annual event, For the Kids (FTK), a mini-Olympics held at the De La Salle University (DLSU) football field.

FTK started with only 50 participants in 1986 as an activity organized by DLSU's Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA), the socio-civic arm of the university. For its 24th year, it aims to connect thousands of special children and La Sallians through sports and recreation, with the theme, "[illegible]."

FTK coordinator [illegible] shared that the program seeks to reach out to children who have physical, mental or developmental disabilities through sports, games and a talent show.

"In FTK, we want the children to experience the value of sportsmanship and camaraderie. More importantly, we want them to have fun and feel like winners."

And every year, as FTK is celebrated, over 500 volunteers from the DLSU student body, faculty, staff and alumni take extra effort to make the event successful and fun. Hundreds of children from 31 SPED centers and schools in Metro Manila, including [illegible] Elementary School, [illegible] Elementary School, Sto. Niño SPED Center Foundation and [illegible] Learning Resources and Therapy Center, played fun sports like softball throwing, standing long jump, running, marathon, relay and basketball shoot.







THE CHILDREN wow the crowds with well-prepared talent presentation.

Joey [illegible], second year computer science student and games committee head, said, "It was really exhausting, but nothing beats the fulfillment of seeing the children enjoy themselves."

For first-time volunteer Mark [illegible], a second year civil engineering student, "We saw how [these] children with special conditions showed their capacity to play games like most kids, and how they found joy in it."

In his closing speech, DLSU Vice-chancellor for La Sallian Mission and External Relations [illegible] shared that the La Sallian tradition is a learning experience for all participants, more so for the volunteers who reap a wealth of experience from their interaction with the children.

Business plan contest for students

THE ONE SCHOOL OFFERS innovative degree courses such as Entrepreneurship, Fashion Design and Intermedia, each with a business core.

One School promotes business plan competitions that are excellent venues for honing entrepreneurial skills. The contests not only sharpen young minds but also educate through models and experience. One such competition is the Global Enterprise Challenge (GEC).

The GEC is an annual worldwide business plan contest for students under 19. Since the first competition in 2001, over 2,000 students from more than 150 schools worldwide have participated.

The competition is set to be held on Feb. 20 at The One School Campus in Makati City. The winning team will become the Philippine Team to the GEC 2010 in April.

Interested students or schools can contact The One School at 55 [illegible] St. and 3684 [illegible] St., Makati City. Tel. [illegible] or [illegible], www.theone school.org.



THE ONE School Executive Director [illegible] (in yellow) with his mentor students at the Global Enterprise Challenge in Singapore.

Super LifeStyle
style . urban living . pop culture . entertainment . recreation



The return of Sara Sidle



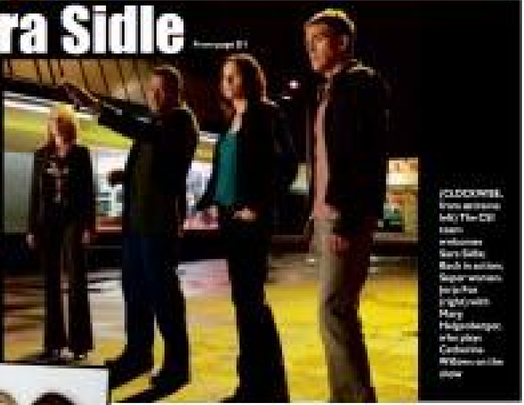
By Pam Pastor

IN 2007, WHEN FANS FIRST heard rumors that Jorja Fox might leave CSI, they moved quickly. They launched campaigns designed to keep her character, crime scene investigator Sara Sidle, on the show.



The return of Sara Sidle







'We're trying to stop the violence by using our heads and our hearts instead of just trying to shoot everybody down'

Super Exclusive

Presenting Percy Jackson, 'The Lightning Thief'



Along with three other cast members, Logan Lerman gushes about the new Chris Columbus movie

Myth and Match

The movie adaptation of 'Percy Jackson' is accessible and action-packed; just don't expect it to be anything like the book

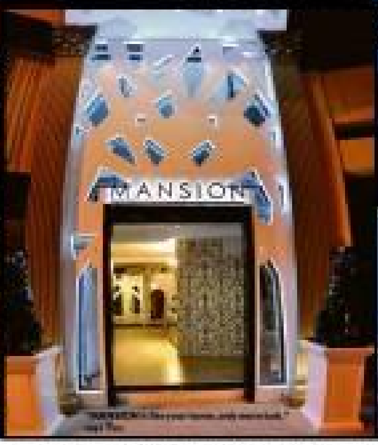
Welcome to the Mansion

Why Pampanga is getting hot, hotter















By [illegible]

HOW FAR WILL YOU GO for a good night-out? Saturday, 9 p.m. My friends and I were ready to party. We downed margaritas before hitting the road. Our destination? Pampanga.

[illegible]

Packed

[illegible]

Hot, young, stylish

[illegible]

Presenting Percy . . .

[illegible]

Training

[illegible]



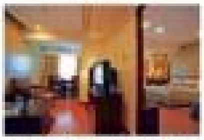
A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Where to Stop Where to Go

A Chinese Valentine Affair at the Hilton



Valentine dinner special at the Pacific Lounge



'Hearts Afire' at The Malayan Plaza

Celebrate you, celebrate love, celebrate life

Edsa Shangri-La presents Lovestruck

Celebrate love at the InterCon

Hearts heat up at Sofitel



Microtel

Auditions now open for The Amazing Race Asia Season 4

[illegible]

PHOTOLINE OPENS AT SM CITY NORTH ANNEX



[illegible]

Tours, Leisure & Chow

Super Bowl XLIV live in Marriott Hotel Manila's Velocity Bar

[illegible]

Club Balai Isabel is now a double-A resort

[illegible]

'Suite for my Sweet' at Imperial Palace Suites

[illegible]

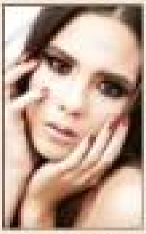
The 'Perfect Valentine's' at Microtel Cavite

[illegible]



Nail that color

Paint your digits in delicious, playful hues



Half moon manicure



Taupe or white digits



Red orange or blue nails



Army brat

Hold the reigns of your party troops with some added bling



Pin me up

Turn any clothing into a corps favorite with badges and pins



Forward march

Step into the fashion forefront with cool combat boots

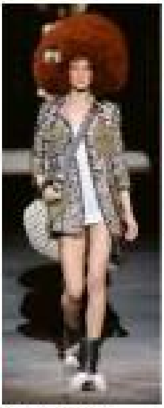
BLACK combat boots, Zara



Go commando

Get armed and ready for summer with military-inspired arsenal





Active duty

This adds a rugged, militant edge to your trusty tee and jeans

SPOTTED

Style troopers

What they wear, why they wear such

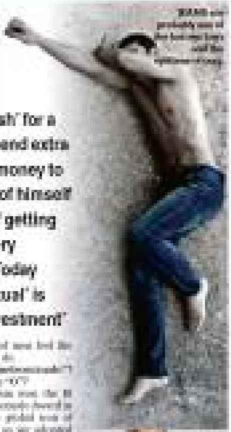


A guy shopaholic's best friend

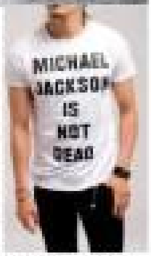












MICHAEL JACKSON IS NOT DEAD

'Is it 'gayish' for a man to spend extra time and money to take care of himself instead of getting drunk every night?... Today 'metrosexual' is like an investment'

CHECK OUT THIS WEB-

Bend, snap—and *shop*

Inspired by 'Legally Blonde's' catchphrase, a blogshop offers a treasure trove of pretty, girly and stylish accessories





WE'VE ALL SEEN THE FAMOUS "BEND and snap" routine from "Legally Blonde."

MEGA LUCK TIPS FROM MARITES ALLEN

Your Guide to an Auspicious Chinese New Year at SM Megamall





As a certified feng shui expert and President of and CEO of the World of Feng Shui, Marites Allen is a great guide to luck and love in the Year of the Tiger. Here, she shares with SM Megamall shoppers some tips on lucky food and lucky colors, as well as how to prepare for Chinese New Year.

1 "On February 14, 2010, greet every member of the family between 7AM to 9AM. Exchange angpaos or red wallets, which older members of the family can give out with a little bit of cash for good luck to younger generations. Everyone should eat together and sit down before 9AM."

2 "Wear new clothes to symbolically start the New Year."

3 "Drink sweet tea (brewed with rock sugar, sweet winter melon, and preserved longan). Drinking or eating sweet food during Chinese New Year would also mean that you will only have sweet words to say to each other during the rest of the year."

4 "You must protect and wear your amulets and lucky charms on this day. Check out different luck enhancers for each astrological signs at the World of Feng Shui boutiques."

5 "At lunch and dinner time, ensure that the family eats lucky Chinese food like noodles, chicken, pineapple rice, fish, duck, and sweet desserts."

6 On this day, no one loses his or her temper!

LUCKY FOOD

"In the Chinese culture, many foods have symbolic meaning," says Marites. [illegible]



LEE YUEN
Lower Ground Floor, Megamall [illegible]



Quail Egg Siomai. The Chinese believe that eggs symbolize fertility, and these delicious dimsum pieces could be auspicious for couples who would like to have children.



Canton Style **Noodles** symbolize long life.



CHEF'S QUARTER
2nd Floor, Mega [illegible]



TAPIOCA RAGOUT
This dessert combines different snacks with different types of seeds, which represent bearing many children in Chinese culture.



[illegible]
Lower Ground Floor, Megamall [illegible]



CHAMI Noodles symbolize long life, so take care that you do not cut up a strand.



SWEET AND SOUR CRISPY FRIED FISH
Fish signify abundance, because the Chinese word for fish, yu, sounds like the word for riches. It is believed that serving fish whole with the head and tail symbolizes completeness.



[illegible]
Megamall [illegible]



Pineapple Fried Rice symbolizes wealth, luck, excellent fortune.



Steamed Lapu-lapu in Soy Sauce is served whole, and is a symbol of prosperity.

LUCKY COLORS

Marites says that "the missing elements for the year are Water and Fire, and the Year desperately needs water. Having water features around our homes and offices is a must, and wearing blue is important to supplement the missing element. Other water elements are Black and Gray, so Black is another important color for the year. Secondary colors of the year are Red, Pink, and Purple." Marites went around the different boutiques at SM Megamall for lucky wardrobe suggestions.



BENCH
Upper Ground Floor, Megamall [illegible]
Marites selects this blue sleeveless top with [illegible]



PROMOD
2nd Floor, Mega [illegible]
A black evening dress worn with a green scarf and red bangle is a lucky and trendy way of mixing and matching colors.



[illegible]
2nd Floor, Megamall [illegible]
Softly flowing purple dress exudes femininity and good fortune.



CHARLES AND KEITH
2nd Floor, Megamall [illegible]
This high-heeled red [illegible] brings [illegible] a lucky [illegible]

A NEW LOOK

"A new look for the new year could kick off a new beginning in our lives."



TONY AND GUY
4th Floor, Mega [illegible]
Treating yourself to a new look will not only let you look good but also feel great about yourself.

IN THIS ISSUE
■ Sandra Bullock shows the way /F4

Editor Nestor U. Torre ■ Assistant Editor Rito P. Asilo
SATURDAY Special

Saccharine love songs usher in the Valentine season

By Rito P. Asilo

"YOU'D THINK THAT PEOPLE would have had enough of silly love songs. What's wrong with that?" so sang Paul McCartney. Well, nothing really. In fact, if Pinoys had their way, they'd even fill the world with them—especially during the Valentine season. Some choice cuts from the recording industry's latest releases:

"Next Big Star's" champ, Frencheska Farr, sings up a storm with the other love anthems in the radio-friendly "See You: The Next Big Star" compilation. She displays her star-making vocal power and polish in "Twist" and the groove-rich "[illegible]."



FARR. Star-making vocal power and polish.

Range-appropriate numbers

During the show's finals last year, Frencheska's male counterpart, [illegible] Taylor, wowed viewers with his sturdy performances, but in the album, he comes up with surprisingly charming and range-appropriate numbers.

Another talent search alumnus, Bugoy Drilon, is still riding high on the well-deserved success of his breakout hit single, "Paano Na Kaya?," which is also included in his self-titled second album. Other hit-bound cuts: "Hindi Na Bale" and "Lumayo Ka Man Sa Akin."

"Pure" Christian Bautista is [illegible] get you in the romantic mood: In Jim Brickman's "Beautiful World," the balladeer's smooth vocals and sweet sentimentality are showcased in the pop-jazz hybrid, "Never Far Away."



BAUTISTA. Smooth vocals in Brickman's latest album.

If Charice's cameo in the recent "Alvin and the Chipmunks" movie sequel left you wanting more, the hit-making Billboard-charting soundtrack contains the teenage belter's spruced-up revival of [illegible] "No One"—with the Chipettes backing her!

Melodic charmers

In [illegible] eponymously titled album, the pretty newcomer proves that she's got what it takes to make it in the competitive world of recording. Her [illegible] "Love Me, Hold Me" and "[illegible]" are melodic charmers that will have pop music aficionados singing and swaying along.

In "Radio," Noel Cabangon shines in a beautifully nuanced rendition of Sharon Cuneta's "[illegible]," while [illegible] delivers solid, full-voiced covers of [illegible] "[illegible]," Jed Navarro's "[illegible]" and the Apo Hiking Society's "[illegible]" in his latest album, "[illegible]."

Effusive renditions

Joey Albert's "Songs of the Heart" treats the new generation of music lovers to a 24-song compilation that boasts of carefully rendered covers of hit songs from the 1980s and '90s. Her repertoire is a mishmash of romantic schmaltz, but it will nevertheless charm you, in because of the songstress' still lovely pipes, effusive renditions and the album's timeless OPM tunes.



CHARICE. Sings with the Chipettes.

visit: www.smcinema.com

SM CINEMA

visit us on facebook



March 14, 2010

Watch it live via satellite! Buy your tickets now!

Available in All SM CINEMA Branches Nationwide.

TOP RANK

IMAX

SM MALL OF ASIA

SM NORTH EDSA

PODIUM

metro manila

NORTH EDSA

MALL OF ASIA

MEGAMALL

CITY MANILA

CITY SAN LAZARO

CITY STA. MESA

SOUTHMALL

VALENZUELA

CITY BICUTAN

luzon

CITY PAMPANGA

CITY LIPA

CITY CLARK

CITY BACOOR

CITY STA. ROSA

CITY MARILAO

CITY BATANGAS

CITY DASMARIÑAS

BAGUIO

visayas • mindanao

CITY CEBU

CITY ILOILO

CITY DAVAO

CITY BACOLOD

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED IN ALL SM CINEMA BRANCHES

OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF FOOD AND DRINKS AT ALL SM CINEMA LOBBIES

CINEMA ACCESS: 395-5555

MOVIEWORLD

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMA MOVIE GUIDE

GALLERIA

1 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
2 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
3 MESSENGERS 2: THE SCARECROW
4 CASE 39
5 PAANO NA KAYA
6 CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (Digital 3D)
7 AVATAR / LEGION
8 2012
9 THE TOOTH FAIRY
10 DEAR JOHN

MANILA

1 CASE 39
2 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
3 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
4 LEGION / THE BLIND SIDE
5 PAANO NA KAYA
6 MESSENGERS 2: THE SCARECROW
7 DEAR JOHN

METRO EAST

1 MESSENGERS 2: THE SCARECROW
2 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
3 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
4 CASE 39
5 DEAR JOHN
6 AVATAR / LEGION
7 PAANO NA KAYA
8 THE TOOTH FAIRY

NOVALICHES

1 CASE 39
2 MESSENGERS 2: THE SCARECROW
3 DEAR JOHN
4 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?

FORUM ROBINSONS

1 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
2 DEAR JOHN
3 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
4 CASE 39



Experience the most delicious event since macaroni and cheese.

Watch this movie in Movieworld's DIGITAL 3D CINEMA

Now Showing
at Robinsons Movieworld
Galleria Cinema 8

MOVIEWORLD

STA. ROSA

1 LEGION
2 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
3 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
4 THE BLIND SIDE

LIPA

1 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
2 PAANO NA KAYA
3 THE TOOTH FAIRY
4 OLD DOGS
5 CARRIERS

DASMARIÑAS

1 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
2 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
3 LEGION
4 PAANO NA KAYA
5 THE BLIND SIDE

STARMILLS

1 PAANO NA KAYA
2 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS
3 AVATAR
4 UNIVERSAL SOLDIER: REGENERATED
5 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
6 LEGION

IMUS

1 PAANO NA KAYA
2 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
3 LEGION
4 THE BLIND SIDE
5 THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG

ANGELES

1 LEGION
2 PAANO NA KAYA
3 UNIVERSAL SOLDIER: REGENERATED
4 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG

TACLOBAN

1 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
2 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
3 PAANO NA KAYA

DUMAGUETE

1 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
2 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
3 PAANO NA KAYA

BACOLOD

1 LEGION
2 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
3 THE BOONDOCK
4 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?
5 PAANO NA KAYA
6 DAYBREAKERS

ILOILO

1 LEGION
2 PAANO NA KAYA
3 THE IMAGINARIUM OF DR. PARNASSUS
4 THE PRINCESS & THE FROG
5 THE TOOTH FAIRY
6 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?

GENSAN

1 PREDATOR
2 CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT
3 PAANO NA KAYA
4 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL

ILOCOS NORTE (NOW OPEN)

1 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
2 PREDATOR
3 PAANO NA KAYA

WATCH IT LIVE via SATELLITE

Pacquiao vs. Clottey

BOXING MATCH

March 14, 2010
Sunday
8:00AM

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

P550 Galleria, Manila & Metro East
P450 Imus, Iloilo and Bacolod
P350 Tacloban, Dumaguete, Gensan, Ilocos Norte

MOVIEWORLD

Joan Leslie was more than just a pretty face

By Bettie Cervantes



LESLIE: Picture-pretty and thoroughly appealing.

Ingénue roles

Biopic

NOW SHOWING

Grant, Parker are no match for Disney's animated characters



"THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG": First African-American princess

By Rito P. Asilo

THIS WEEK, DISNEY'S HAND-DRAWN cartoon feature ("The Princess and the Frog") ...

Derivative

Fiercely independent



Sitti and Juris in pre-Valentine show

QUEEN OF BOSSA NOVA, Sitti, sings with ...

MONTAGE



Rhian, Victor shine in Korea

'Martir sa Golgota' audition

'Forever Love'

'Romeo & Bernadette'

La Diva's first Valentine concert

Lots of love on Nickelodeon

'Sibling Revelry'

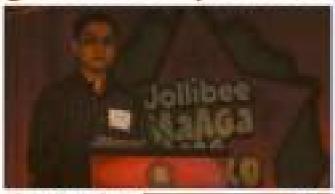
Duet singing contest

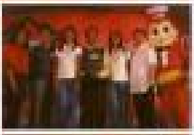


LA DIVA. Performs at One Esplanade on Feb. 13.

Jollibee MaAga ang Pasko fetes partners

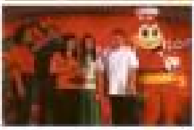












DiCaprio on no longer being the star of biggest movie of all time



DICAPRIO: Continues to grow as an actor.

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—LEONARDO DiCaprio good-naturedly took a reporter's reminder that he is "no longer the star of the highest grossing movie of all time." Thanks—or no thanks to "Avatar" —Leonardo's "Titanic" is not the all-time box-office champ anymore.

"Right," acknowledged the actor with a smile in a recent interview at Le Parker Meridien in New York. "First off, I congratulate those guys," he said of "Avatar" director, James Cameron, and his team. James, of course, also helmed Leonardo and Kate Winslet's sinking ship blockbuster.

Attention

"I didn't really pay attention to all that until I read the headlines," the actor admitted. "Hats off to them. I hope they make triple what 'Titanic' made. I was blessed to have 'Titanic' get financing because my name was attached to it. The movie had its run. And, new records will be broken. Time goes on. The rest of cinema will unfold before our eyes. I am a fan of 'Avatar,' and I thought it was great. As an audience member, I had a unique experience."

Since "Titanic," Leo continues to grow as an actor. His talent is being polished by his mentor, Martin Scorsese. Their partnership has given us four films: "Gangs of New York," "The Aviator," "The Departed," and now, the thriller, "Shutter Island."

The critics' verdict on this adaptation of Dennis Lehane's 1950s-set mystery and suspense novel set on a remote island that houses an asylum isn't out yet. But, we think there will be not much argument about Leonardo's performance. Playing a tightly wound war veteran and US marshal who goes to the island to investigate the disappearance of a murderess, Leonardo lives up to the challenges of the complex role.

Asked about being the "muse" of Scorsese, Leonardo answered, "To have a mentor like Martin, who gave me a perspective on film as an art form, is great. These films are like his dreams. You learn a lot just by working with him. He never sits you down and gives you a lesson. It's about being on the journey with him."

Leonardo got to work with another gifted director, Christopher Nolan, in "Inception," one of this year's most anticipated films. It's the director's first movie since the acclaimed "The Dark Knight." The 35-year-old thespian laughed when pressed to talk about "Inception," which is also a thriller like "Shutter Island." "There's a lot of secrecy about it."

"I don't know what I'm allowed to say about 'Inception,'" the actor said after chuckling. "I don't even know what I'm allowed to say about 'Shutter Island,' to be quite honest." Instead, he talked about the two filmmakers: "Both Chris and Martin are great directors. The material and its complexity are what I'm attracted to. I'm not happy if I don't have a lot to do. I've been lucky to work with people who want to tell stories that hit on different cylinders simultaneously. 'Shutter Island' is definitely that."

Then, he finally commented on Chris' film: "'Inception' is the same. It is Chris delving into dream psychoanalysis and, at the same time, making a high-octane, surreal film that came from his mind. He wrote the entire thing, and it all made sense to him. It didn't make sense to many of us when we were doing it. We had to do a lot of detective work (laughing) to figure out what the movie was about."

Leonardo is definitely building an interesting filmography. He has said yes to an untitled movie project on the Vikings, with Mel Gibson as the director.

Visionary

"There's no script yet," he disclosed. "Mel is a visionary. He has created some unbelievable worlds. What he did in 'Apocalypto' and 'The Passion of the Christ'—he's quite unique, so we'll see what happens. I'm excited to see the outcome."

"A story on the Vikings hasn't been done for some time," Leonardo added. "Mel is the perfect director. He has been obsessed with the Vikings and their culture his entire life. He's had visions of it."

On a lighter note, what about visions of the bachelor actor—as a married man with children? Laughing one more time, he replied, "That's going to happen someday. When it's right, it's right."

E-mail: [illegible]@yahoo.com

Dolphy, Vilma, Sharon gear up for significant starrers

By Nestor U. Torre

SHOW BIZ LOVES THEM YOUNG AND fresh, but don't dismiss the viewer-pulling appeal and clout of veteran stars just yet. Even as teenage talents topbill important new projects, some senior screen icons are still being offered significant starrers.

Item: After the success of her "Miss Pi" film, Sharon Cuneta is being invited to make new movies with former beaus, Richard Gomez and Robin Padilla, not to mention ex-hubby Gabby Concepcion.

Item: Comedy king Dolphy may have lost out on a new sitcom on ABS-CBN, but he's been offered a new comedy series on the reinvigorated TV5.

Prized role

Item: Vilma Santos has been tapped to play the prized role of Cory Aquino in a major film bio.

Yes, most other veteran thespians have to make do with forgettable or melodramatically hysterical character roles, but Vilma, Dolphy and Sharon prove that, in a few exceptional instances, you can't keep a good veteran talent down—for long.

Of the three icons, it's Vilma who's on a roll, due to the popular and critical success of her first film in seven years, "In My Life," adding further to her esteem in her parallel success as Batangas governor, which has prompted some political speculators to regard her as a "logical" VP bet in a few years' time.

Viewers are also thrilled to hear that Vilma has been tapped to play Cory on the big screen. Again, she's the "logical" choice for the plum role, because she and the late ex-president sort of look alike, and Vilma has the thespic talent and strength of character required to do justice to the coveted role.

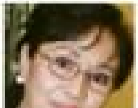
Hectic schedule

That's why we're disappointed to learn that Vilma feels she can't find the time needed to shoot the film just yet. We hope she reconsiders and makes time for the project sometime this year, because the nation needs to get inspired by the film now, not three years into the uncharted future.

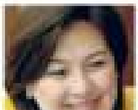
In Sharon's case, our fondest wish is for her to once again win the battle of the bulge, and get back into thespic fighting trim.

As for Dolphy, his move to TV5 has revived interest in him as a star comic. On the other hand, we fear that he may no longer have the energy needed to keep a new sitcom bubbly and frenziedly funny from start to finish.

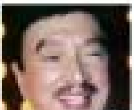
Indeed, Dolphy's last sitcom and movie already evinced signs of ennui. His production team will have its hands full making up for lost vim and vigor, so fans won't notice the waning of his comedic vitality. It can be done, but the trip will be a decidedly uphill climb.



SANTOS: Logical choice to play Cory Aquino in late president's biopic.



CUNETA: Needs to win battle of the bulge to get back into thespic fighting trim.

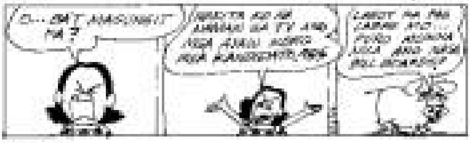


DOLPHY: His recent move to TV5 has revived interest in him as a star comic.

GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS



A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA



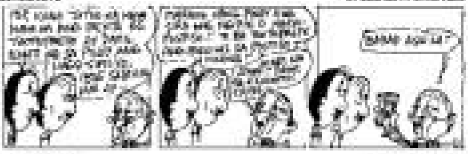
PUGAD BABOY



DICK TRACY



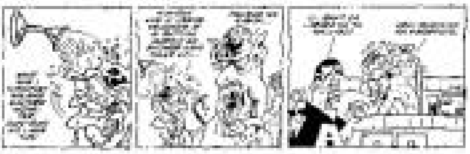
LOVEBIRDS



JAMES BOND



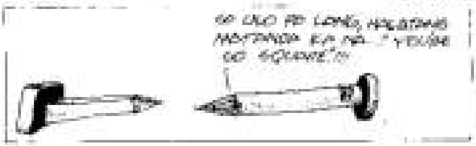
DIVINE COMEDY



BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT



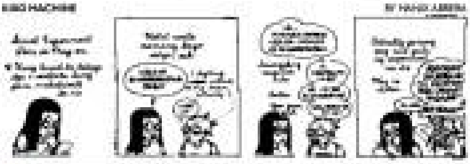
TULDOK



BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON



KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA

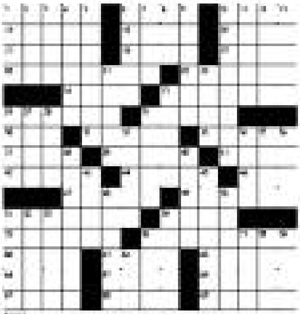


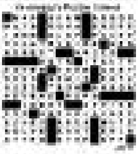
LOLO PHOLO



HOROSCOPE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE





CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

	3		6			4		2
6		8						
	9		7					1
5		7	1					
					9	2		5
8					4		3	
						6		4
4		6			1		7	

Children's tale is well worth a look



Imagination

Managing a healthy lifestyle

Lotus Pond

Action

Sandra Bullock shows the way



Opinions

Poveda honors health advocate

STREET SMART



Mandy Navasero



Japanese grocery and restaurant combined

WORD OF MOUTH



Sandy Daza

Assortment

Children's tale

Conversation

